

SENATOR SCHROCK: Madam Chairman, members of the Legislature, I happen to have a little experience with fencing along railroad right-of-way. And my experience in the past has been that the railroads don't do anything, and I never even thought of billing them for any fence material that we've put in to fencing along railroad right-of-way. And my first inclination is to say that if the farmer can get a new fence out of this deal, probably better take it and run, from a practical standpoint, because if the fence are in disrepair and the cattle are out I doubt whether the Game and Parks or the railroad or whoever might be, is going to be Johnny-on-the-spot and be there to repair it. So I'm a little confused as to what direction we should go this morning because if a proper, legal fence is built the farmer/landowner, rancher/landowner might be better off to take the new fence, because he's probably not going to get any help down the road anyway. I agree with Senator Coordsen that it's something that should be discussed. But from a practical standpoint, Senator Coordsen, I'm not sure which direction we should go. I believe if I was the landowner I'd take the new fence, if it was a good fence, new wire, new posts, and run.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Well, I don't know whether to run, I may have been fenced in here. (Laughter.) So I can't run. Senator Coordsen caught me a little flat-footed this morning when he asked about my amendment, because there have been many amendments, or attempts to amend, or proposals to amend this bill. And I think, Senator Coordsen, now that I have pulled out the files, I think you were talking about FA388, and that was indeed my amendment. So I will now acknowledge parentage because I think it did find its way into the bill. Now, since I have acknowledged at least part of the parentage, let me give you the rest of its genetic history. (Laughter.) Or is this...we're talking about fences not livestock, aren't we. These provisions had their origin in LB 258. And LB 258 provided that a right-of-way that was acquired pursuant to the provisions of 258, by the Game and Parks Commission, would have been subject to the provisions of 81-815.60 to 81-815.63, the Cowboy Trail provision, Senator Coordsen. That, quite frankly, was my preference. That isn't the way it came out of committee, in fact, the bill didn't come out of committee at all. Various